

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 and replace with the following paragraph:

Even in the ~~even~~event that it is acceptable to adopt the halftone dot pattern which is not the same as the halftone dot pattern prepared in the RIP system, when the image translation apparatus receives from the RIP system image data representative of a multiple gradation image before the halftone dot processing, there is a need to process a very large capacity of image data to maintain an accuracy. This involves a gradation of the speed of processing.

Please delete the paragraph bridging pages 15 and 16 and replace with the following paragraph:

The image receiving section 81 receives a color image represented by raster image data for CMYK four colors generated by the RIP system 10. On a hardware basis, the input interface 516 shown in Fig. 516~~3~~ corresponds to the image receiving section 81.